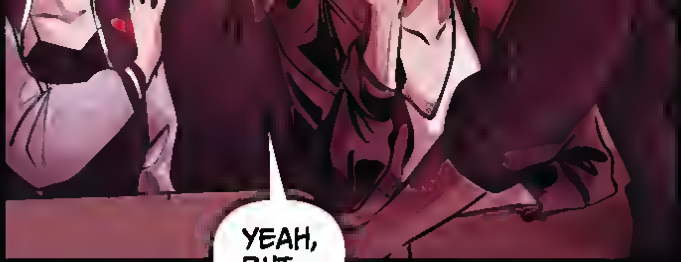
WE CAN'T MISS THIS PARTY!
PARTY? I'M ALWAYS UP FOR A PARTY. I'M IN.



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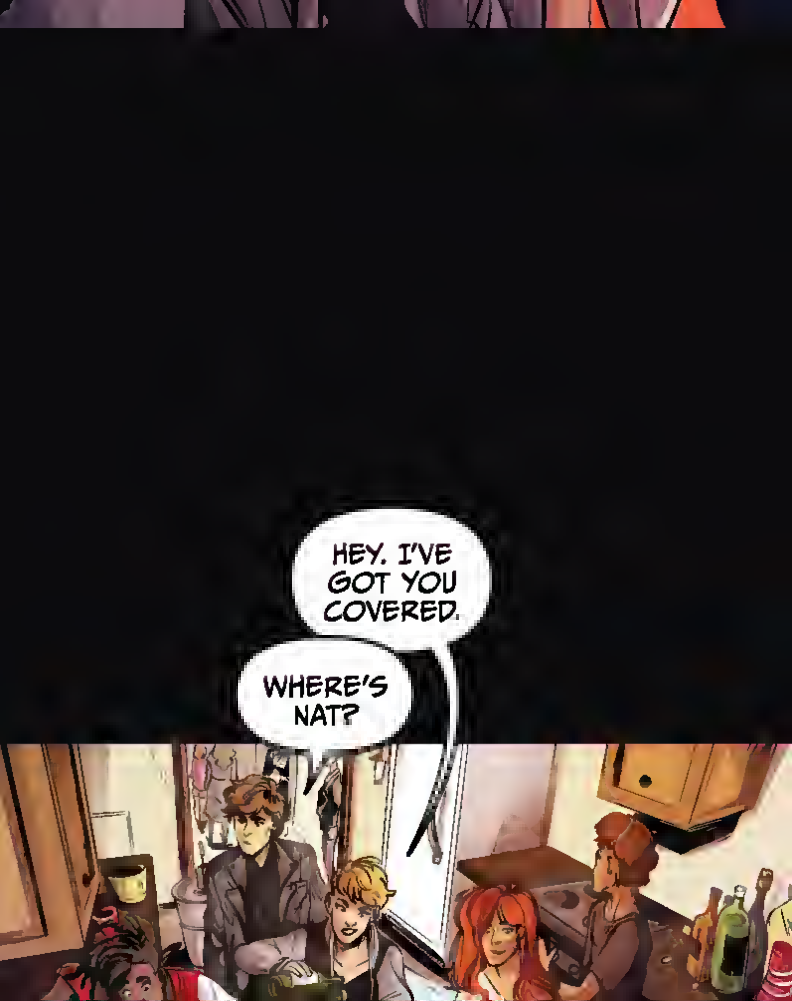
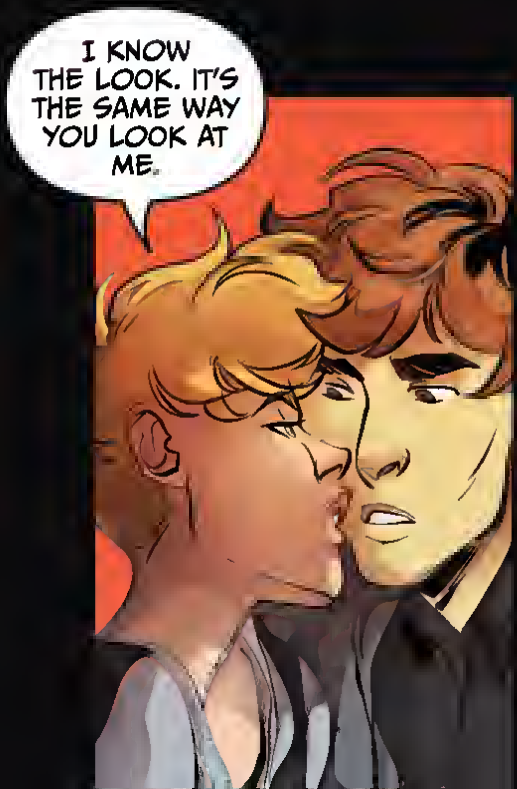
ROTARACT CLUB PARTY.
YOU ARE SUCH A MORON!
AFTER YOU.

AS IT SHOULD BE...

ASSHOLE'S GOT A GOD COMPLEX.
AND YOU TAKE THAT CRAP?


HEY. I'VE GOT YOU COVERED.
WHERE'S NAT?

UPSTAIRS. WITH THAT LAR GUY. HE'S GOT IT BAD FOR HER.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


I KNOW THE LOOK. IT'S THE SAME WAY YOU LOOK AT ME.

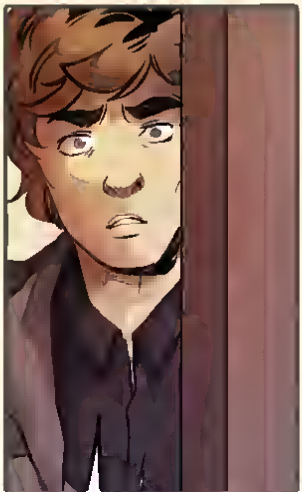
THIRSTY, HUH?

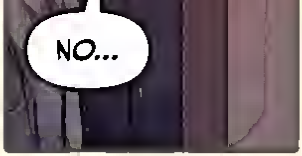
SO WHY NOT JUST COME OUT AND JOIN THE REMEMBRANCE FOR THE GODDESS? WHY HIDE IN THE TREE?
MY FATHER WOULD NEVER FORGIVE ME.
ONCE THEY WERE OVER, MARI NEVER WANTED TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM, OR US. I--JUST WANTED TO

KNOW WHAT SHE LOOKED LIKE.

YOU'VE NEVER SEEN HER?
I DIDN'T

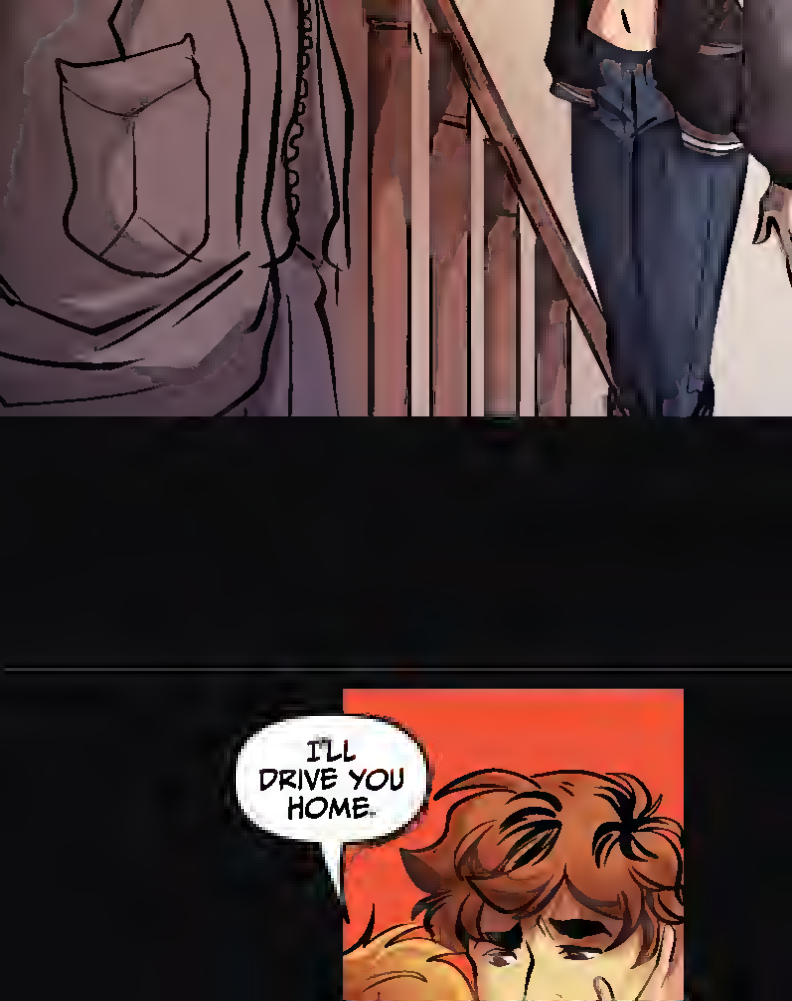
COME WITH YOU TO TALK ABOUT MY MOTHER.
GODS, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL.

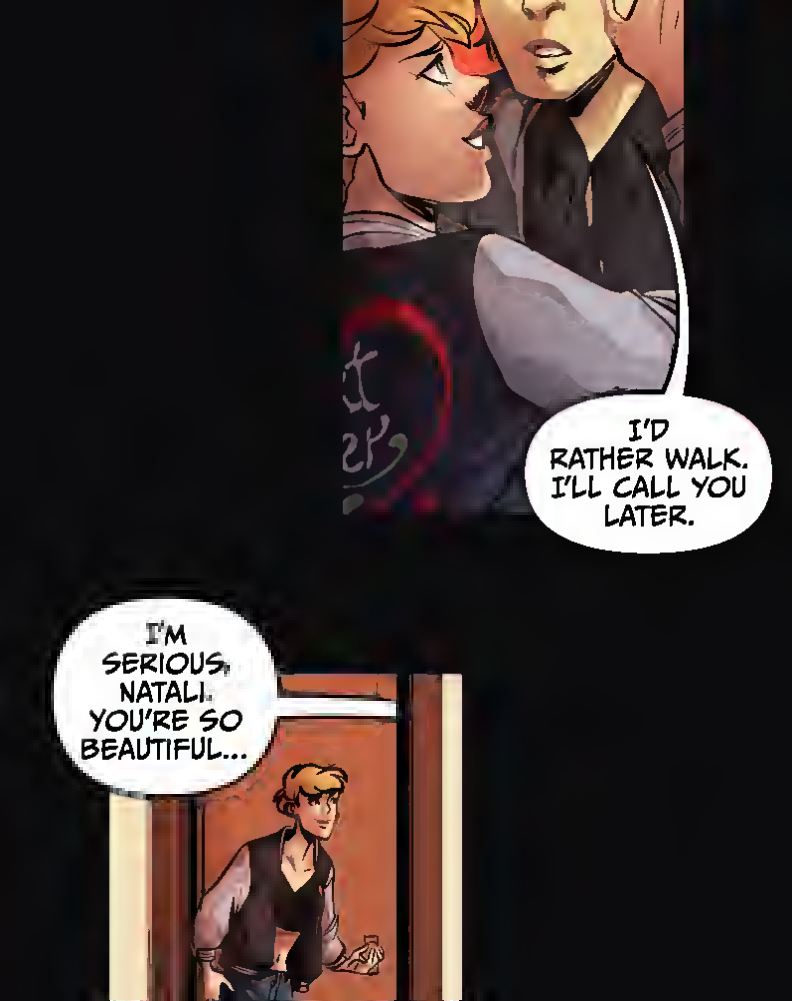



NO...

WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M NOT

FEELING WELL. I'M GOING TO HEAD OUT.


I'LL DRIVE YOU HOME.


I'D RATHER WALK. I'LL CALL YOU LATER.
I'M SERIOUS, NATALI. YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL...

NO, I SWEAR! I NEVER SAID THAT!

YOU OKAY, MAN?

LUKEN?

SORRY.
DO I KNOW YOU?
NOT YET.

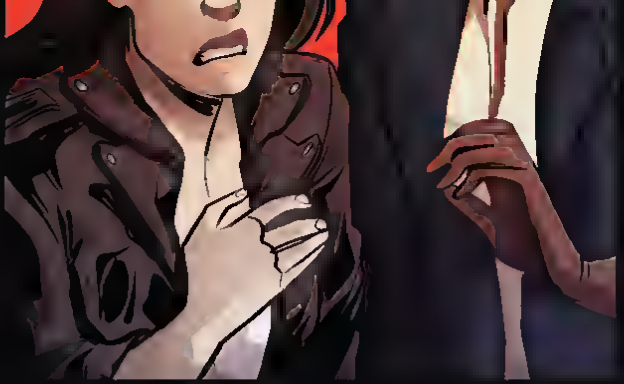
GAAAAH!

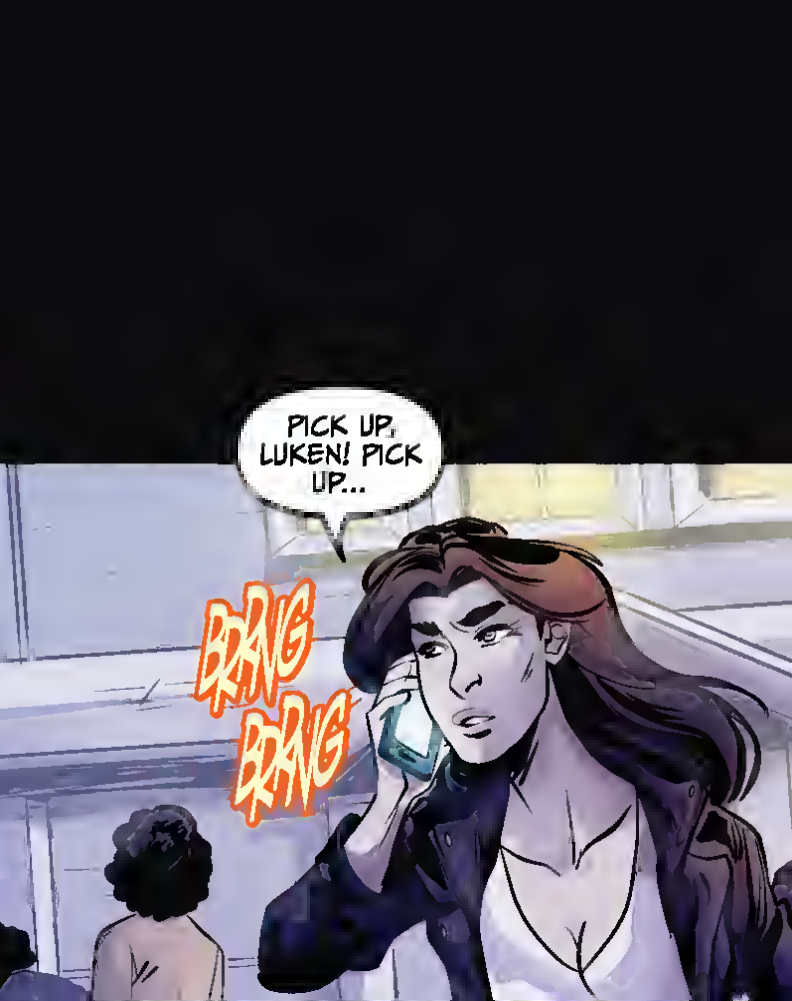
BUT WE'RE GOING TO GET VERY WELL ACQUAINTED.

LATER.

WHERE'S LUKEN?
HE WASN'T FEELING WELL. HEADED HOME.

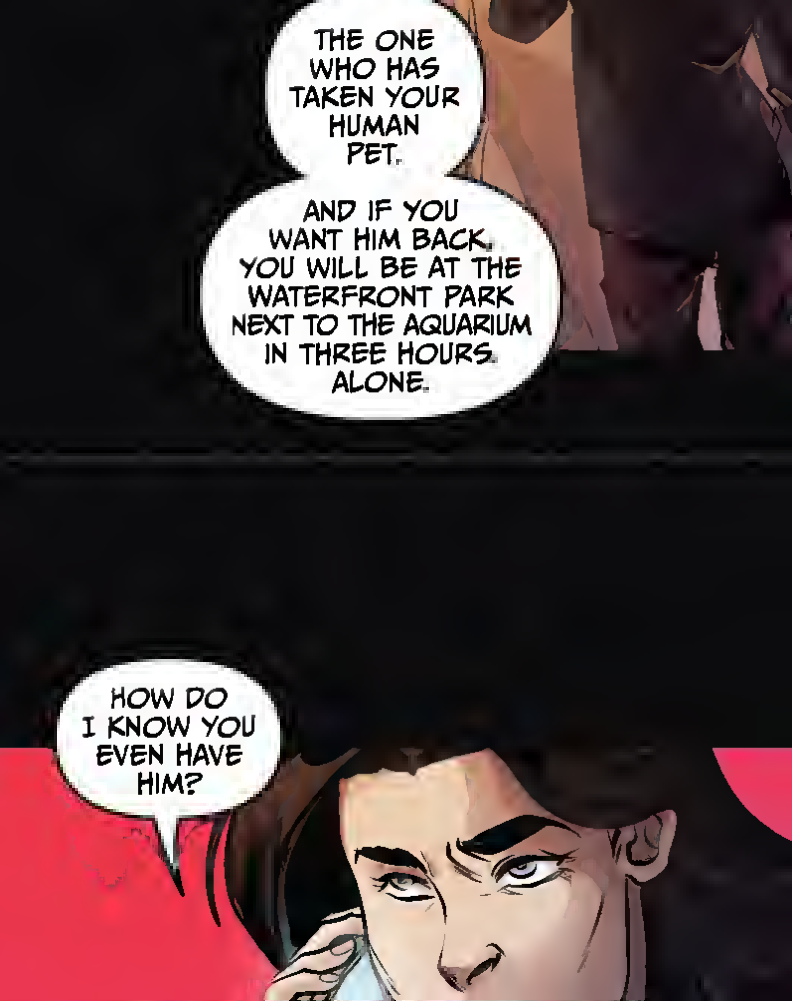
WHAT'S WRONG?
OW...
I DON'T KNOW...

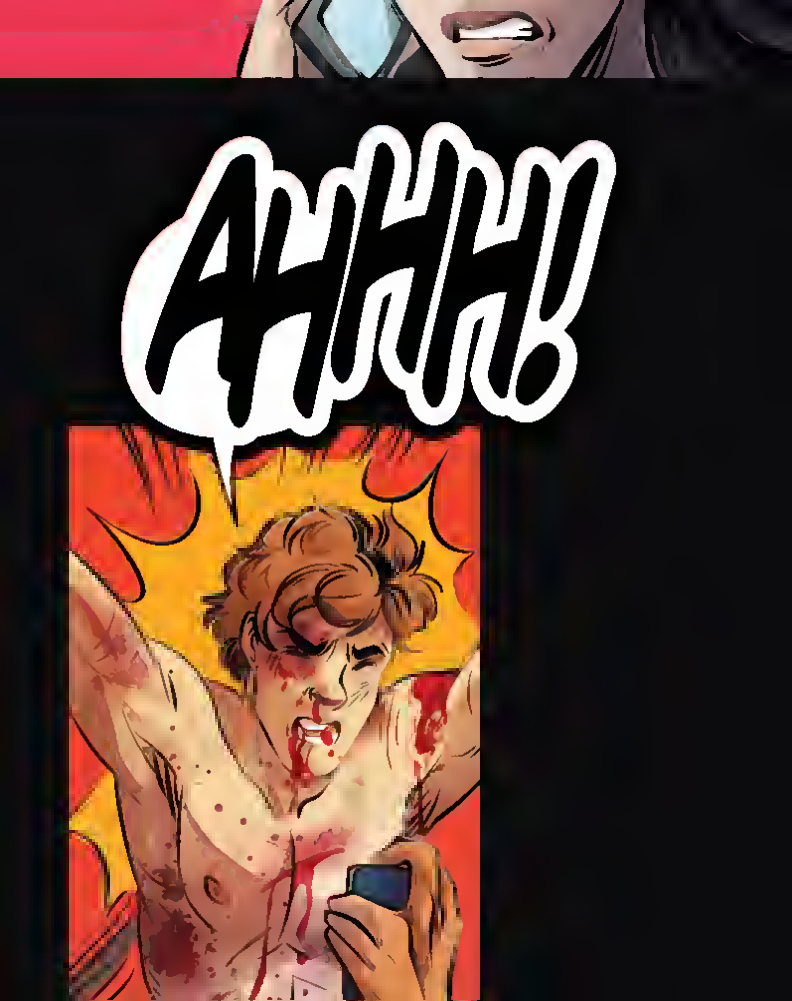



PICK UP, LUKEN! PICK UP...
BRING
BRING

SO MUCH SOONER THAN EXPECTED, IKUZI.

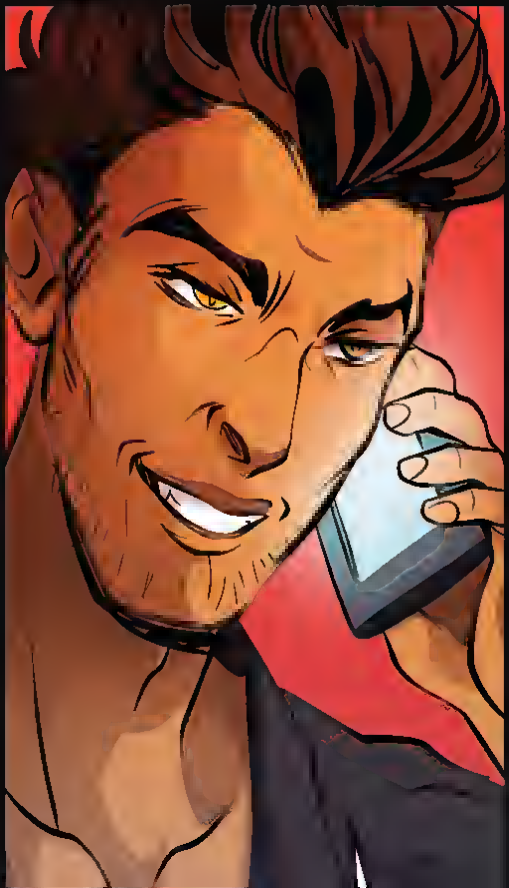
WHO THE HELL IS THIS?


THE ONE WHO HAS TAKEN YOUR HUMAN PET.
AND IF YOU WANT HIM BACK, YOU WILL BE AT THE WATERFRONT PARK NEXT TO THE AQUARIUM IN THREE HOURS. ALONE.
HOW DO I KNOW YOU EVEN HAVE HIM?


AHHH!

NEED MORE PROOF?

STOP! I'LL BE THERE.
BUT IF YOU HURT HIM ANYMORE I SWEAR THERE WILL BE NOTHING LEFT OF YOU BUT THE SORRY-ASS TONGUE IN YOUR MOUTH.



"...I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU."

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